

Application No. 10/813,076

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REMARKS

Initially, applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to conduct a telephonic interview on October 28, 2006, with applicants representative, in which the Examiner indicated that the objection to claims 1-14 would be withdrawn in light of the disclosure in paragraphs [0060]-[0066] of applicants' specification and the accompanying Figures.

Applicants further thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-4, 7, 9-11 and 14 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 12 and 13 stand variously rejected under 35 USC 102(b) on Suzuki and Kanbayashi. Applicants have overcome the rejections by canceling claims 1 and 8, and by amending claims 2 and 7 and claims 9 and 14 to independently recite all of the features of canceled claims 1 and 8, respectively, and by amending claims 5 and 6 to depend from allowable claim 2 and amending claims 12 and 13 to depend from allowable claim 9. All of the pending claims are therefore allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

Applicants solicit an early action allowing the claims.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Docket No.

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